

From: Slawomir Wojtas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2024 3:49 PM
To: LegislativeServices <legislativeservices@okotoks.ca>; LegislativeServices <legislativeservices@okotoks.ca>
Subject: Property Tax penalty cancellation

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Afternoon

Please consider this my official letter in writing to the Council pertaining my Taxes being late by one day.

As I stated in the below thread, near bottom, I dropped off the taxes on July 2nd, I explained on the bill why it was late and I don't know how long Canada Post held on to your letter when you mailed it out. Up to June 16th we did not receive the tax bill for payment and we went on vacation on June 17th, when we came back on the Saturday June 29th, we found it in the mail box.

We dropped off the payment July 2nd since Canada Day you were closed. Anyway I would like to challenge the late penalty please since according to your policy a letter is deemed delivered by 7 days after being mailed. I could understand this if it was sent registered and or signature required. Someone who sends letters on a regular basis knows that Canada Post does not guarantee regular mail being delivered in 7 days, and as such this was my case.

I would like to have this fee cancelled, or please advise how further I can contest this.

Slawomir Wojtas

Roll# 0104810

The Town of Okotoks has a policy regarding Property Tax Cancellation, which outlines the process for submitting a request to have the penalties cancelled. Based on the policy, you will need to send a request to Council in writing at legislativeservices@okotoks.ca, and it will then be presented to Council for review. If you decide to submit a letter to Town Council, Legislative Affairs

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On Thu, Sept 19, 2024 at 7:50, LegislativeServices

<legislativeservices@okotoks.ca> wrote:

Dear Slawomir,

Yes that is correct.

Thank you.

Janice Storch, B.A., R.T.

Legislative Affairs Officer

P: 403-938-8905

From: Slawomir Wojtas <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 6:09 AM

To: LegislativeServices <legislativeservices@okotoks.ca>; LegislativeServices <legislativeservices@okotoks.ca>

Subject: Re: Late penalty

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I just want to confirm from below email, the letter is to be written and sent to this same email correct .

Slawomir

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On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 10:37, Slawomir Wojtas

<[REDACTED]> wrote:

Sept 4th it is, thanks.

Slawomir

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Tue, Aug 13, 2024 at 18:16, LegislativeServices

<legislativeservices@okotoks.ca> wrote:

Dear Slawomir Wojtas:

As promised, below is information regarding the process to appeal your property tax late penalty fees.

The Town of Okotoks has a policy regarding Property Tax Cancellation, which outlines the process for submitting a request to have the penalties cancelled. Based on the policy, you will need to send a request to Council in writing at legislativeservices@okotoks.ca, and it will then be presented to Council for review. If you decide to submit a letter to Town Council, Legislative Affairs would need to receive it by tomorrow at noon for it to be included in the next Council meeting which is Monday, August 19, 2024. The meeting after this one is September 9th and your letter would need to be received by September 4th to be included in that agenda for Council's consideration.

The policy including what is considered during a request for cancellation of penalties (clause 3.1) is on the Town's website at the following link: [Property Tax Cancellation Policy](#).

Every year, property tax notices are mailed the last week of May and are due June 30. This year the Town mailed tax notices on May 29, 2024. A notice is deemed received seven (7) days after it is mailed out as outlined in clause 337 of the *Municipal Government Act (MGA)*. This provincial legislation ensures that municipalities provide at least 30 days after the tax notice is mailed out before a penalty is imposed for non-payment as outlined in clause 344(3) of the *MGA*.

The *MGA* can be viewed at the following link: https://kings-printer.alberta.ca/1266.cfm?page=m26.cfm&leg_type=Acts&isbncln=9780779848546&display=html.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Patty Huber

Senior Legislative Affairs Officer

From: LegislativeServices
Sent: Friday, August 9, 2024 3:45 PM
To: 'Slawomir Wojtas' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Late penalty

Good Afternoon Slawomir Wojtas:

Thank you for your question regarding overdue property taxes and what I assume to be a late penalty fee invoice you have received.

I have reached out to our Accounting/Tax Department for an answer to your question and will get back to you next week.

Sincerely,

Patty Huber

Senior Legislative Affairs Officer

From: Slawomir Wojtas <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 1:09 PM
To: LegislativeServices <legislativeservices@okotoks.ca>
Subject: Late penalty

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Morning, I just wanted to find out how I officially challenge the overdue property taxes. What is the process since when I dropped it off on July 2nd, I explained on the bill why it was late and I don't know how long Canada Post held on to your letter when you mailed it out. But obviously this was not taken into consideration. Up to June 16th we did not receive even the bill and we went on vacation, when we came back on tje Saturday the bill was finally in with the mail.

We dropped it off July 2nd since Canada Day you are closed. Anyway I would like to challenge the late penalty please.

Slawomir Wojtas

Roll # 0104820